



FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of:

STROKE

(CVA/TIA)

Indications

To outline the paramedic care and management of the patient with signs and/or symptoms of stroke including, but not limited to:

- Altered mental status
- Mental status changes
- Neurological deficits
- Generalized weakness
- Cardiac complications

Procedure

1. Secure airway as outlined in FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of Airway & Ventilation and administer supplemental **Oxygen** as needed.
2. Monitor cardiac activity and treat appropriately as per protocol.
3. Establish IV of **0.9% NaCL**, draw pre-IV blood for hospital labs and perform glucose test in the field and treat appropriately.
4. If patient's blood sugar is ≤ 60 mg/dl, administer 25 grams (one amp) of **Dextrose 50%** IVP.
5. Consider **Naloxone HCl** (Narcan) 1 – 2mg IVP. Be aware of possible combative behavior post administration.
6. Consider **Thiamine HCl** (Vitamin B1) 100mg IVP.
7. DO NOT attempt to lower the blood pressure in the patient who is suspected to be suffering from an acute stroke.
8. Obtain 12 Lead ECG.
9. Treat any altered level of consciousness/altered mental status as per the appropriate protocol (refer to steps 3 – 6).
10. Transport immediately to definitive care facility.
11. Transport to appropriate Emergency Department.
12. Contact medical control for further orders as needed.

CAIRA/Chemical Surety Considerations

None

Triage Considerations

Refer to S.T.A.R.T. Triage Protocol

END OF SOP – NOTHING FOLLOWS